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*Special points of interest:*

- Street Improvement Program
- Commercial Refuse Collection
- 1994 Refuse Collection Ordinance #331

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# Manager's Message

## City of Norway Street Improvement Program

This past year, the City has been working on a program to evaluate, prioritize, and plan for a street improvement program. As we have discussed in the past, a number of planning efforts had to be completed prior to establishing a multiyear plan for repaving or resurfacing our streets. Recognizing the need for a complete evaluation of our water and sewer system, the City contracted UP Engineers and Architects in 2003 to complete a utility master plan. This effort was completed and approved in June of 2004. In The fall of 2004, the City began the final phase of our planning project by contracting Robert E. Lee and Associates to complete a street improvement evaluation and multi-year program which includes the water and sewer evaluations. It was important to include the utility needs assessment and to incorporate into the project priority listing. The surface evaluations have been completed and final priority listing

will be available in the near future.

A major concern in this effort involves the funding for this project. The City currently receives \$80,000 per year from the states ACT 51 street program which can be used for capital projects (street improvements). As you can imagine, we will not pave many streets during the year on this type of funding alone. It is estimated that the highest priority streets identified in the project will cost the City approximately 5 million dollars. This cost covers street repaving and curbing. It does not account for any utility work that needs to be completed on that street. We have anticipated that a large portion of this work can be partially funded thoroughly the utility upgrade programs. Grants, however, take time to secure and are limited to specific requirements such as commercial areas, industrial areas, or specific safety problems. We have already started this process and recognize

that most of our streets will not quality for these programs.

With the help of Robert E. Lee and Associates, the City has identified some projects that could be worked on in 2005. These projects would involve streets that have a limited impact from water and sewer upgrades. In order to perform this work in 2005, a new funding source has to be secured. For this reason, the City will be asking the voters on May 3, 2005 to approve moving forward on a \$995,000 bond issue to start the program. This will allow for the City to start street reconstruction and give us time to secure the remaining funding sources for the project. If the voters turn down this request, we would not be able to move forward on a 2005 project. Information is available at the City Hall for details on the street priorities and project estimates.

## City of Norway Commercial Refuse Collection

For the past 8 months the City of Norway has been analyzing budget issues with respect to the City's refuse collection. The City has been running in a deficit for the past number of years and with shrinking general fund revenues, changes are necessary to ensure that refuse collection fees support the collection expense. One initial alternative was to raise fees to meet expenditures. The City has not opted for this initial "quick fix" approach but rather to look at inefficiencies associated with the operations.

One step that has already been implemented is to strictly follow the 1994 refuse collection ordinance (Ordinance #331). Some of the things the ordinance covers is container types, placement, amounts, weights, and types of waste accepted .

This alone has not solved our problem however and additional changes must be initiated. In analyzing collection expense versus collection fees, we have identified that

fees charged for dumpster collection are substantially lower than the expense for collection.

In order to operate a fiscally responsible service, it has been decided to discontinue dumpster collection. The City will continue to collect commercial refuse provided you would be able to adhere to the ordinance volume and container provisions.

This will allow the City to concentrate on our core residential type service. We will continue to evaluate how we are collecting our refuse to ensure that fees cover expenditures.

Please review the ordinance provisions listed below specifically with respect to volumes allowed and what constitutes household refuse. The City will be enforcing this ordinance in order to keep our overall collection expense as efficient as possible.

## 1994 Refuse Collection Ordinance #331

The refuse collection ordinance (#331) adopted in 1994 clearly identifies the type and placement of containers and the limits or amounts of garbage collected per household. The ordinance specifies the following:

**Section 2—Container Types:** Garbage and refuse must be placed in disposable plastic bags or covered plastic/metal garbage containers with handles and covers. Containers shall not exceed a maximum volume of forty-five (45) gallons and shall not weigh more than **fifty (50) pounds** when filled. In the fall, loose, unbagged leaves may be raked into the boulevard, **not the street**, where they will be picked up by the City.

**Section 3-Container Placement:** Containers must have unobstructed access and must be placed adjacent to the street or alley. The area around the container must be kept free of snow and debris for clear access from the street or alley.

**Section 4— Charges for Garbage Collection:** Residential accounts will be charged \$9.00 per month and will be limited to **100 gallons** per week. Business accounts will be charged \$12.50 and be limited to **150 gallons** per week.

**Section 6—Supplemental Rubbish Collection:** Rubbish will be collected during the spring and fall of each year on a special collection schedule which will be established by the City of Norway. The City of Norway will provide a location to deposit yard waste (ie. brush, grass, clippings and leaves). Brush will only be picked up at residences during the spring and

fall supplemental rubbish collection. **The City will no longer collect yard waste with regular pick up.**

**Section 8—Imported Garbage:** It shall be unlawful to bring garbage, generated outside the City, into the City of Norway for pick up without prior written authorization.

It is very important that the normal refuse collection be limited to normal household waste and not rubbish. The phrase "household garbage and waste" **includes**, by way of example and not by limitation, discarded vegetable or animal material from kitchen refuse, clothing, paper, cans, bottles, rags and other material that is thrown out or otherwise discarded by occupants of residence.

The term "household garbage and waste", **does not include** any compostable material, yard waste, household appliances, building supplies, remodeling debris, flammable or combustible materials, hazardous materials, including paints, solvents, thinners, chemicals, engine fuel, motor oil, batteries, motor vehicle tires or parts, and any liquid material.

The provisions of the ordinance that are most commonly abused are the volume provisions, yard waste and rubbish deposited for normal collection, and improper container types. It is extremely important that we enforce the ordinance prior to making any decisions on raising your refuse collection fees.



# Oak Crest Golf Course



Located in Norway, Michigan, Oak Crest is home to one of the area's finest golf courses. You'll be inspired by its rolling fairways, undulating greens, and an abundance of oak trees from which it earned its name.

At first sight you'll be drawn to its inviting brick clubhouse and warm atmosphere. With a large dining facility, locker rooms, bar area, and pro shop furnished with today's best in golf equipment and apparel, you're sure to find everything you need to make your day on links one of your best ever.

Book your tee time up to 12 days in advance by calling our pro shop. We look forward to seeing you!

**New for 2005.....NO initiation fee for new member!  
1/2 price Social Memberships for first year**



### Price Listing

Social.....	\$85
Single.....	\$560
Husband & Wife.....	\$770
Family (Including children).....	\$845
Local School Student/College Student (Norway-Vulcan Area).....	\$100
Non-local School Student/College Student.....	\$150

\*Please include a 5% penalty for memberships purchased after March 31, 2005\*

## Oak Crest Golf Course

N1475 U.S. Highway 8  
Norway, MI 49870

Pro Shop: (906) 563-5891 Bar: (906) 563-9046  
[www.oakcrestgolf.com](http://www.oakcrestgolf.com)

## 2005 City Owned Property for Sale List

The Norway City Council has approved the review, the sale is approved by the City staff if the 2005 City owned property for sale list. Purchasing following conditions are met:



this completed form is submitted to the City for yet been surveyed, the sale must be approved by a

a property on the list is any 1. The price offered is for the full listed amount. easy process. If you wish to 2. The parcel is located in a platted area of the city purchase a parcel on the list, or it has a metes and bounds survey on file. you can locate the properties 3. The persons making the offer to purchase have on the City Zoning map and a plan to place a building on the parcel within two obtain a "Request to purchase years after purchase. If the price offered is less city property", form. After than at the full listed amount, or the parcel has not this completed form is submitted to the City for yet been surveyed, the sale must be approved by a

vote of the Norway City council. It is very important to note, the City of Norway does not intend to sell any of the City owned land to individuals for speculative purposes. If you have any questions regarding your property assessment or the City of Norway Lands for sale you may contact the Assessors office or visit the City Hall. The City Property for sale list can also be viewed on our website, [www.norwaymi.com](http://www.norwaymi.com).

### Utility Billing Sewer Credit

The City of Norway is now expecting sign ups for a sewer credit for the watering of lawns and gardens. This credit will be based on the customers average sewer consumption for the months of September through

May. Water usage charges will remain as charged on your utility bill. A sewer credit application can be obtained at the City Hall or you may fill out the following application and return to the Norway City Hall.



### SEWER CREDIT APPLICATION

JUNE, JULY & AUGUST 2004

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit is effective June 1, 2005 and goes thru August 31, 2005. This credit is based on your average consumption for the months of September thru May. Water charges will remain as charged on your City Utility Bill.

Please return to City Hall, 915 Main Street

### UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS

Utility bills for the City of Norway can now be paid at Wells Fargo Bank in Iron Mountain. Summer and winter tax bills will also be accepted. As a reminder, you can also make these payments at the First National Bank of Norway, or at the branch located in Ebeleing's. We also have two drop boxes for payments (no cash, please!) - a walk-up box located in front of City Hall, and a drive-up box located in the alley behind City Hall. Credit card payments are also accepted at City Hall. Cards accepted include Visa, MasterCard and Discover. For those of you who prefer automatic payment of your bill each month, we can deduct the amount from your checking or savings account, or charge your credit card each month. If interested, please pick up an application at City Hall.

Any questions, please feel free to ask at the front counter, or call us at 906-563-9961.

### Burning Permits Required

All residence who want to burn brush or grass areas not in town but in the out lying area are required to obtain burning permits through the city hall. The permits are only good on the day they are issued for. Permits will not be issued if the weather conditions are not favorable to allow safe burning and this will be determined on a day-to-day basis from information obtained from the D.N.R. fire suppression unit.



### Annual Fireman's Tournament

The Norway Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting the 111th Fireman's Tournament. The dates for the tournament is July 28th, 29th, and 30th. The department anticipates about fifty fire departments will be represented.

### High-speed Internet Service

**Get** connected! Sign up for Norway's high-speed, cable Internet service. Local cable Internet service means that it is only available to residents living in the Norway area thus, users are kept to a minimum, resulting in faster and more reliable Internet access! With users encompassing only the immediate area, the connection won't "time-out" or "bump" you off and the speed of the connection will remain stable and constant. Pay your bills, do your shopping, banking, stock trading, and bargaining over the "Net". Enjoy unlimited access to email, newsgroups/chat rooms, on-line games, everything from current world news to cooking recipes, and so much more!

Both commercial and residential can enjoy Norway's high-speed Internet service at the low rate of: \$32 per month for one computer and a one-time connection fee of \$100. For additional PC pricing call City Hall 563-9961.

### Norway Power & Light Department

The City of Norway Power & Light Department has stepped up its tree trimming effort on our electric distribution system this winter. Our tree trimming program will rotate around the distribution system every four or five years to provide a safe and reliable electrical system for our customers. We are removing tree limbs that are within ten feet



of the high voltage power lines along with dead and dying trees within close proximity to our power lines. This will help prevent the danger of limbs coming in contact with the high voltage power lines and also decrease the possibility of electrical out-







## Jake Menghini Historical Museum

On July 20, 1992, the city council of Norway supported the purchase and support of the Jake Menghini Historical Museum. Subsequently, an advisory committee of nine people was formed to look out for the museum's interests. Everyone associated with the museum is a volunteer, except for a part-time director. The purpose of the museum is to preserve the history of the Norway-Vulcan area.

The Olson family donated the O'Dill farm to the Cornerstone Committee which was made up of four churches and the museum. The museum was given 3 acres which includes the old pop shop factory and the farmhouse. Sewer, water, gas and electric were not present at the building site until the Covenant church was built. The



O'Dill farmhouse was thought of as a possible museum, but the cost of renovation and size were thought to be inadequate for the museum use.

The new museum is 3,000 square feet and will house an office, a vault room, men's and ladies restroom, janitor's room and the remainder which is approximately 2,000 square feet for displaying artifacts and exhibits.

Cost paid for building the museum thus far is \$115,000. Approximate cost of finishing the museum is \$60,000-80,000. The structure so far has been built through donations and the labor has been largely volunteer with the exception of heating, electric, plumbing, and the building shell.

We are looking for .25 mills to help complete the structure and pay for the maintenance and operation of the museum and to repay a rural development loan which we have applied for. Cost to the voters would be equivalent to \$12.50 for a home assessed at \$50,000. That is equivalent to the cost of about 3 gallons of milk for a year.

The museum preserves all of the history of the Norway-Vulcan area. We have records or weddings, deaths, school sports, churches, civic and city organizations, history of mining and logging, and the preservation of all artifacts donated to us. The new museum will house a vault room where genealogy can be done and we will have permanent and revolving displays.

Without millage support the museum will have to rely on donations alone to finish the project. The Jake Menghini Historical Museum is an asset to our community and a source of tourism interest and educational significance. We hope that you will support this community project and vote "yes" on May 3rd.



### The City is increasing its offerings and revising how it operates the community Channel 7. What a great way

#### Norway Community Channel Advertisement Price Listing:

##### Full Page Advertisement



1 Month	\$50
2 Weeks	\$30
1 Week	\$20
Changes	\$5

##### Classifieds, Birthdays, & Anniversaries

1 Week	\$10
2 Week	\$15
3 Week	\$18
1 Month	\$20

Birthday, Anniversary.....Name, Date

Classified.....Item, Name, Phone #

Rummage Sale.....Item, Name, Address, Phone #  
(Maximum of 30 characters)

### CLEAN SWEEP 2005 FOR CITY OF NORWAY RESIDENTS



On April 23, 2005, one of the Norway area churches will be conducting a household hazardous waste drop-off at the Department of Public Works located at 400 10th Street, Norway.

Please note-These are the only items we will be able to accept at this year's Clean Sweep:

- **Herbicides**
- **Car batteries**

- **Oil-based paints**
- **Drain cleaners**
- **Pesticides**
- **Mercury**
- **Anti-freeze**

They must be in secure, original, or at least well-marked containers. Please do not bring leaking cans or unmarked bottles or boxes. We cannot accept them.

For complete details, see Norway's website at [www.norwaymi.com](http://www.norwaymi.com), City Hall, or Channel 7.

### May 3rd, 2005, Ballot Language

The following proposals are debt retirement millage requests. Debt retirement millages are only applied at the rate required to make the debt payment.



#### MUSEUM BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall the City of Norway, County of Dickinson, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) and issue its General Obligation Unlimited Tax Bonds therefore in one or more series each payable in not to exceed fifteen (15) annual installments for the purpose of paying the costs relating to the completion of the installation and construction of and the furnishing and equipping of the new museum facility, and related site improvements? The estimated mills to be levied in the year 2005 to pay the bonds is 0.19 mills (\$0.19 per \$1,000 taxable value) and the estimated average millage rate required to retire the bonds is 0.16 mills (\$0.16 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

**Explanation:** The first year of the bond issue will be 0.19 mills. The last year of the bond issue will be 0.14 mills. Each year will be proportionally reduced.

**Vote Yes:** If you would like to help the museum volunteers complete the building project in 2005.

**Vote No:** If you feel that donations should fund the museum building project.

#### FIRE TRUCK BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall the City of Norway, County of Dickinson, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$215,000) and issue its General Obligation Unlimited Tax Bonds therefore in one or more series each payable in not to exceed fifteen (15) Thousand Dollars installments for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring and equipping a fire truck? The estimated mills to be levied in the year 2005 to pay the bonds is 0.39 (\$0.39 per \$1,000 taxable value) and the estimated average millage rate required to retire the bonds is 0.34 mills (\$0.34 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

**Explanation:** The 0.39 mills indicated in the ballot language accounts for 100% of the debt repayment. Due to fire protection agreements with Norway and Waucedah Township, city residents will pay approximately 67% of the total debt payment (or approximately 0.26 mills).

#### STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall the City of Norway, County of Dickinson, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Nine Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$995,000) and issue its General Obligation Unlimited Tax Bonds therefore in one or more series each payable for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring, constructing, installing and equipping street improvements together with all attachments and appurtenances related thereto? The estimated mills to be levied in the year 2005 to pay the bonds is 2.00 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated average millage rate required to retire the bonds is 1.58 mills (\$1.58 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

**Explanation:** The first year of the bond issue will be 1.98 mills. The last year of the bond issue will be 1.08 mills. Each year will be proportionally reduced.

**Vote Yes:** If you would like the City to begin street improvements in 2005 and 2006.

**Vote No:** If you would like the City to wait for future funding for street improvements.



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### May 2005

- *TBD (To be determined)*—Hydrant Flushing
- *May 2*—NVAS Spring Band Concert
- *May 5*—Spring Choral Concert
- *May 9*—Mother's Day
- *May 14-15*—Paul Lambert Memorial Golf Tournament Oak Crest Golf Course, 563-5891
- *May 19*—Annual Cornish Luncheon, Grace Methodist Church, 11:00 a.m.
- *May 20-22*—Midwest Steer & Heifer Show Dickinson County Fairgrounds
- *May 21*—Norway Speedway Stock Car Season Opener, 715-251-4788 or see [www.norwayspeedway.com](http://www.norwayspeedway.com) for Schedule
- *May 21*—Norway's Spring City-wide Rummage Sale, "The U.P.'s Original & Largest, Community Rummage!" 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- *May 28*—Whitewater Rafting Begins at Piers Gore. Weekends Through Summer or by Appointment. Call Kosirs at 715-757-3431 or Wildman's at 1-888-813-8524

### June 2005

- *June 1—4*—Woman-Scramble, Oak Crest Golf Club, 563-5891
- *June 4*—Julie's Top Hat Dance Recital, Fine Arts Center
- *June 7*—Bi-weekly Band Concerts Begin. Performances by Michigan's Oldest City Band (1888), Main Street Band shell
- *June 15*—LaCenerentola Opera Performance, Pine Mountain Music Festival, Norway Fine Arts Center
- *June 18*—Senior Men's 2-Man Scramble, Oak Crest Golf Course
- *June 19*—Father's Day
- *June 21*—Band Concert, Main Street Bandshell

### July 2005

- *July 1-5*—Scandinavian Midsummer Fest Swedish Passport, 906-563-9200
- *July 3*—Jake Meneghini Heritage Days
- *July 4*—Independence Day Parade (Downtown)
- *July 4 (at dusk)*—U.P.'s Largest Firework Display Norway Fire Department
- *July 5*—Band Concert, Main Street Band Shell
- *July 5*—Old-fashioned Strawberry Social, Following Band Concert, Grace Methodist Church
- *July 8, 9, 10*—Hunter-Jumper Horse Show, Dickinson County Fairgrounds
- *July 8*—Pine Mountain Music Festival, Votapek Piano Recital, Norway Fine Arts Center
- *July 10*—Lion's Club Lake Mary Day Picnic, 906-563-5368
- *July 11*—Pine Mountain Music Festival Symphony Orchestra Concert, Fine Arts Center
- *July 16*—Knights Borderline Classic car & Cycle Show, Downtown Norway
- *July 18-22*—VSOEC Wrestling Camp
- *July 19*—Band Concert, Main Street Bandshell
- *July 28-30*—U.P. Fireman's Tournament, Downtown Norway
- *July 29*—Norway Sidewalk Sales

### August 2005

- *August 6, 7*—Sanctioned Class A Arabian Horse Show, Dickinson Co. Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena 8:00 a.m., Free to public
- *August 9*—Band Concert, Main Street Band Shell
- *August 13, 14*—2-Man Best Ball Tourney, Oak Crest Golf Course, 563-5891
- *August 20*—Autumn City-wide Rummage, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- *August 23*—Final Band Concert, Main Street Bandshell

### September 2005

- *TBD (To be determined)*—Hydrant Flushing
- *September 1, 2, 3, 4*—Dickinson County Fair, Norway Fair Grounds
- *September 5 (Labor Day)*—Final Norway Speedway Races
- *September 5 (Labor Day)*—Final Rafting Tours at Pier's Gorge
- *September 10, 11*—U.P. Husband & Wife Golf Invitational, Oak Crest Golf Course, 563-5891
- *September 17*—Holy Spirit School Harvest Dinner, 563-8817
- *September 17*—7th Annual Team-Norway Golf Tournament, 3 Person/18 Hole Scramble, Oak Crest Golf Course
- *September 24*—Homecoming, Norway vs. Ishpeming

### October 2005

- *TBD (To be determined)*—Fall Rubbish Collection
- *October 1*—Faithorn Methodist Church Harvest Supper, 4:00 p.m. "Old-fashioned Home Cookin", Faithorn Town Hall
- *October 8*—Leif Ericson Fall Festival Viking Parade, Music, Food, Farmer's Market, 9:00 a.m., Crafters Welcome, Call Candy at 563-5185
- *October 31*—Halloween